

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 11, and 16 are amended, claims 5 and 15 are cancelled; as a result, claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-20 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 11-20 were objected to due to various informalities. Claims 11 and 16 have been amended herein in a manner believed to overcome the objections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 7, 8, 15, 17 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 herein to recite in independent form the subject matters recited by claims 5 and 15, respectively, as originally filed, with claims 5 and 15 being cancelled herein. Applicant therefore believes that claims 1 and 11 are allowable over the prior art of record. The remaining claims all depend from one of claims 1 or 11 and are submitted to be allowable as well.

§102 and §103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 11-14, 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lu (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,639). Claims 10 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,639). Applicant believes the rejections are made moot by the amendments contained herein. The rejections are traversed for the record, however, and applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications with claims identical to those rejected in the office action.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (847) 432-7302 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

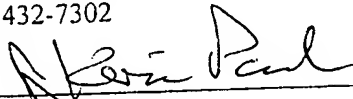
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